

SUMMARY

Arkansas Department of Correction

AR 834

Procedure for Handling Alleged Disciplinary Infractions of Mentally Disordered Inmates

This revision of the rule is intended to increase the involvement of Mental Health Services staff when Seriously Mentally Ill Inmates are alleged to have violated institutional rules are involved in Disciplinary Court Proceedings. The involvement is intended to produce treatment recommendations that are appropriate to the mental status of the inmate. These recommendations may substitute for punishments or be an adjunct to any punishment assessed. The purpose is to ensure that Seriously Mentally Ill inmates are not punished for behavior that is a product of their mental illness and that the combination of punishment and treatment is optimized to be that most likely to elicit rule conforming behavior from the particular inmate.